

Senate Bill 303

By: Senators Powell of the 23rd, Walker of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th and Johnson of the 1st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 51-2-3, relating to liability for malicious acts of minor children, so
2 as to provide for liability of a parent or guardian for malicious acts of minor children with
3 regard to reasonable costs incurred by a school system and law enforcement agency; to
4 provide for a limitation on such liability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 51-2-3, relating to liability for malicious acts of minor children, is amended by
8 inserting a new subsection to be designated subsection (a.1) to read as follows:

9 "(a.1) Every parent or guardian having the custody and control over a minor child or
10 children under the age of 18 shall be liable in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 plus court
11 costs for the willful or malicious act or acts of a minor child or children resulting in
12 reasonable costs incurred by a school system and law enforcement agency. Without
13 limiting the generality of the foregoing, this subsection shall apply to threats or warnings
14 relating to explosives, weapons, or other dangerous instrumentalities."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.